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Docket No. 26.2.A41/B/USA
Anticipated Classification of
This Application:
Class 56, Subclass 11.9
Prior Application 09/142,392
Group Art Unit 3611
Examiner M. Britton

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §
1.53(b),
WITH CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

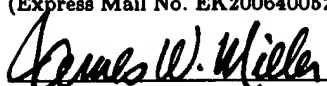
Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of prior application Serial No.
09/142,392, filed June 8, 1998, entitled MOWER.

Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior
application, including a copy of the oath or declaration
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signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of
the latest signed prior application number 09/142,392, and
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made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

A Statement Concerning Reimers et al. and the Information Disclosure Statement Being Filed Herewith is also enclosed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith.

The following fees are calculated on the basis of the claims on file in the prior application as amended by any Preliminary Amendment contained herewith or by the cancellation of claims as instructed below:

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$760
Total Claims	16-20 = 0	x \$18	\$ 0
Independent Claims	3-3 = 0	x \$78	\$ 0
TOTAL FILING FEE			\$760

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1315 of The Toro Company, the assignee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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